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Applicants: John P. Proctor and Robert C. deKieffer  
Title: Duct Joining System  
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Docket No.: M-7194-2P US

San Jose, California  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the "Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application" mailed by the United States Patent and Trademark Office on April 4, 2001, the following documents are enclosed to complete the filing of the above-identified patent application:

1. A declaration signed by the inventors in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63;
2. Copy of Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application; and
3. A check to the United States Patent & Trademark Office for the following fees:
  - a. Surcharge for filing declaration on a date later than the filing date of the application. \$65.00
  - b. TOTAL FEES: \$ 65.00

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-2386.

It is hereby respectfully submitted that the enclosed documents complete the filing of the above-identified patent application and justify the filing date of December 29, 2000.

Please telephone the undersigned at (408) 453-9200, if there are any questions. This form is being submitted in duplicate.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as First Class Mail in an envelope addressed to: Box Missing Parts, Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231, on May 31, 2001.

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An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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